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- 1830 Presidential Guard reported to have capitulated.
- 1900 Coup leaders state they expect Palace to fall shortly. State they hope for early recognition of coup by U.S. Generals plan to come to Embassy and ask Tich Tri Quang to join government.

Ten truckloads jubilant young men and women observed acclaiming revolution. 150 other students liberated by coup forces and taken to JGS where holding coup demonstration.

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